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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: McCORMICK et al.

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Title: RESPIRATORY MASK HAVING  
INTRAORAL MOUTHPIECE WITH LARGE  
SEALING AREA AND MULTIPLE SEALING  
CONFIGURATION

Art Unit: 3743

Examiner: Nihir B. Patel

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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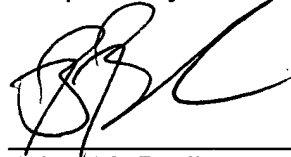
In the Office Action dated November 30, 2004, the Examiner has required restriction of the application to one of the following species: (a) Figures 1 through 4; (b) Figure 5; (c) Figure 6; (d) Figure 7A; (e) Figure 7B; (f) Figures 8A and 8B; and (g) Figures 9 and 10. In response, Applicants elect without traverse the species of Figures 1-4, on which Claims 1-9 are readable. An examination on the merits of the elected species is respectfully requested.

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Applicants note that the identification of Figures 7A and 7B as separate species is erroneous. The two figures illustrate the same embodiment of the invention having an invertible domed face in different respective positions. To this extent, correction and/or withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition the Commissioner for a one-month extension of time, extending to January 30, 2005, the period for response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2004. A check in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed for the one-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

Respectfully submitted,



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